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SUBJ: W/W CAROL LOUISE OTIS

REF: STATE 135446

1. DURING DR. SCHULMAN'S INITIAL CONVERSATION WITH THE RESPONSIBLE CONSULAR OFFICER ON FRIDAY, APRIL 14 SHE STATED THAT HER FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE DR. OTIS WAS A DAY OR TWO OVERDUE ON HER RETURN FROM A TRIP TO THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS. WHILE DR. SCHULMAN WAS PLEASANT, SHE SEEMED TENSE AND THE CONOFF ATTEMPTED TO INCREASE RAPPORT AND RELIEVE HER TENSION BY USING AN INFORMAL APPROACH. HE POINTED OUT THAT TRAVELERS IN LATIN AMERICA WERE OFTEN DELAYED FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS AND MENTIONED GENERALITIES SUCH AS MISSED CONNECTIONS, BAD WEATHER AND EVEN BY BEING ON A "FIVE-DAY BINGE". WHILE THE LATTER EXAMPLE WAS UNFORTUNATE HE CERTAINLY DID NOT SAY THAT DR. OTIS HAD BEEN ON A "FIVE-DAY DRUNK BINGE". THE OFFICER ALSO EXPLAINED SOME OF THE LIMITATIONS PLACED UPON US BY THE PRIVACY ACT BUT DID NOT SAY THAT SEARCHES COULD NOT COMMENCE WITHOUT PRIOR PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION. HE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT BECAUSE OF THE SHORT OVERDUE PERIOD NOTIFICATION OF THE PARENTS AT THIS TIME WAS NOT WARRANTED. WHEN SHE LEFT THE EMBASSY, DR. SCHULMAN DID NOT APPEAR ANGRY OR OFFENDED. OBVIOUSLY, THE LETTER FROM DR. OTIS SHOWS THAT CONOFF BADLY MISJUDGED DR. SCHULMAN'S FEELING AND REACTIONS.

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2. ON THE FOLLOWING MONDAY OR TUESDAY (APRIL 17 OR 18) DR. SCHULMAN INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT DR. OTIS WAS STILL MISSING AND A CABLE (LIMA 3398) WAS SENT ON APRIL 19 TO GUAYAQUIL REQUESTING SEARCH ASSISTANCE WITH A COPY SENT TO SECSTATE.

3. UNFORTUNATELY, THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICER DID NOT RECORD WHEN HE WAS NOTIFIED THAT DR. OTIS WAS BACK IN PERU. IF IT WAS ON

APRIL 19, OR 20, THERE CERTAINLY WAS AN OPERATIONAL FOULUP SINCE  
GUAYAQUIL WAS STILL CONDUCTING THE SEARCH ON APRIL 25 AND LIMA'S  
CABLE 3998 CALLING OFF THE SEARCH WAS NOT SENT UNTIL APRIL 26.  
THE LIMA FOLLOWUP SHOULD HAVE GONE OUT WITHIN ONE DAY OF A CEASE  
SEARCH NOTIFICATION AND THE INVOLVED OFFICER HAS NO EXPLANATION  
AS TO WHY THIS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN DONE. IT SHOULD BE ADDED THAT  
THE OFFICER CALLED THE PARENTS OF DR. OTIS SHORTLY AFTER HER  
RETURN TO THE STATES AND APOLOGIZED FOR ANY UNNECESSARY SUFFERING  
THEY MAY HAVE EXPERIENCED.  
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